

Ravula language

Ravula, known locally as *Yerava* or *Adiyan*, is a Dravidian language of Karnataka and Kerala spoken by the Ravula and Adiyan. Their language exhibits a number of peculiarities which marks it off from Malayalam as well as from other tribal speeches in the Wayanad district.^[3] It is spoken by 25,000 Ravulas (locally called Yerava) in Kodagu district of Karnataka and by 1,900 Ravulas (locally called Adiyan) in the adjacent Wayanad district of Kerala.^[4] The term 'Yerava' is derived from the Kannada word *Yeravalu* meaning borrow.^{[5][6]}

Phonology

	Front	Central	Back
<u>Close</u>	i		u
<u>Near-close</u>	ɪ		ʊ
<u>Close-mid</u>	e		o
<u>Mid</u>		ə	
<u>Open-mid</u>	ɛ		ɔ
<u>Open</u>	a		

All vowels except for /ɪ,ə,ʊ,ɔ/ demonstrate contrastive vowel length.^[7]

Consonants

		<u>Bilabial</u>	<u>Dental</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Retroflex</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>
<u>Stop</u>	<u>voiceless</u>	p	ʈ		ɖ	c	k
	<u>voiced</u>	b	ɖ		d	ɟ	g
<u>Nasal</u>		m	ɳ	n	ɳ	ɲ	ŋ
<u>Fricative</u>				s			
<u>Approximant</u>				l	ɭ	j	
<u>Trill</u>				r			

References

Ravula	
Yerava, Adiyan	
Native to	India
Region	Kodagu District, Wayanad District
Ethnicity	41,000 (2011 census)
Native speakers	26,563 (2011 census) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Dravidian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Southern<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tamil–Kannada<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tamil–Kodagu<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tamil–Malayalam<ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayalam<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ravula</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	yea
Glottolog	ravu1237 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/ravu1237) ^[2]

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